

## CHALLENGES TO NAVAL MUNITIONS

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- The Changing Face of Warfare
- National Need for Timely Transition of Technology
- Need for Sustainment of Ordnance Capability



## The Changing Face of Naval Warfare



- Naval forces are faced with evolving threats
- These threats will require changes in our ordnance capability
  - Difficult targets (buried, moving, merged into civilian population, ....)
  - Time critical targets
  - Changing scenarios in threat usage
- Theaters may be far from our shores OR at home
- Weapons must be cost effective



## **Evolving Threats**







# Evolving Threat... Implications for Ordnance



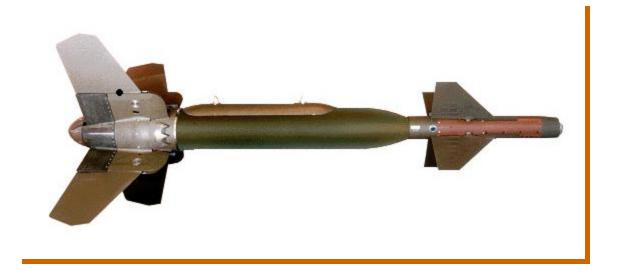
- Retain ordnance capability required for traditional threats
- Efficiently develop ordnance to the evolving threat
  - Adapt current ordnance where appropriate
  - Utilize current technology in new ordnance systems
  - Quickly transition new technology
  - Assure safety, logistics and sustainment of capability
- Develop methodology to assess new performance and develop operational tactics
- Be "purple" in strategy to get best weapons for our warfighters



# Timely Technology Transition... Thermobaric Warhead (BLU – 118/B)



- Prime example of new technology and inter-service cooperation between Navy, Air Force, and DTRA
- Requirement for additional capability against caves and tunnels
- Concept to initial capability in 67 days





# Thermobaric Warhead... Killing Difficult Targets

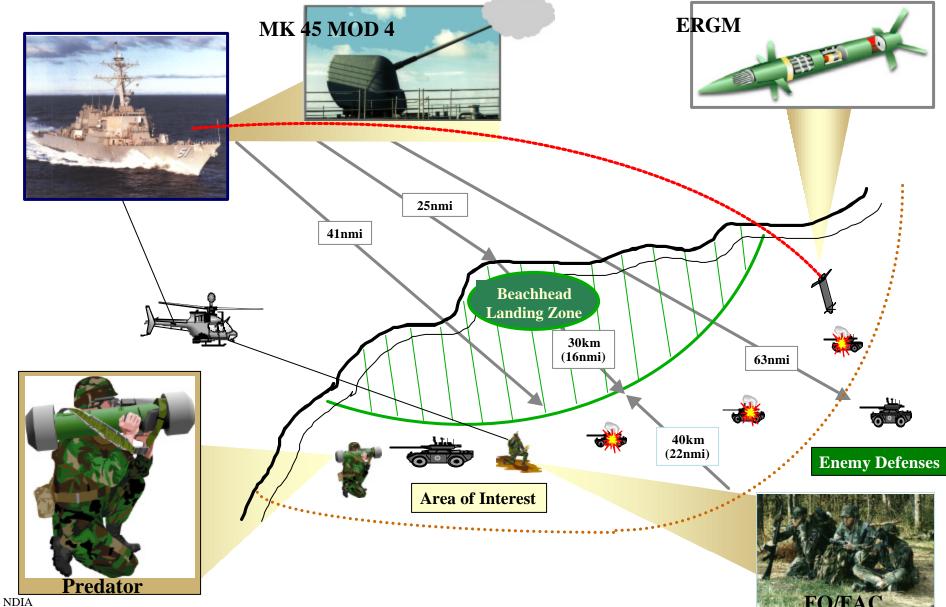






# Evolving Battlefield... Advances in Naval Gunfire Support

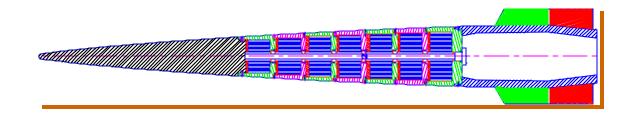






# Cost Effective Weapons... Barrage Round Technology



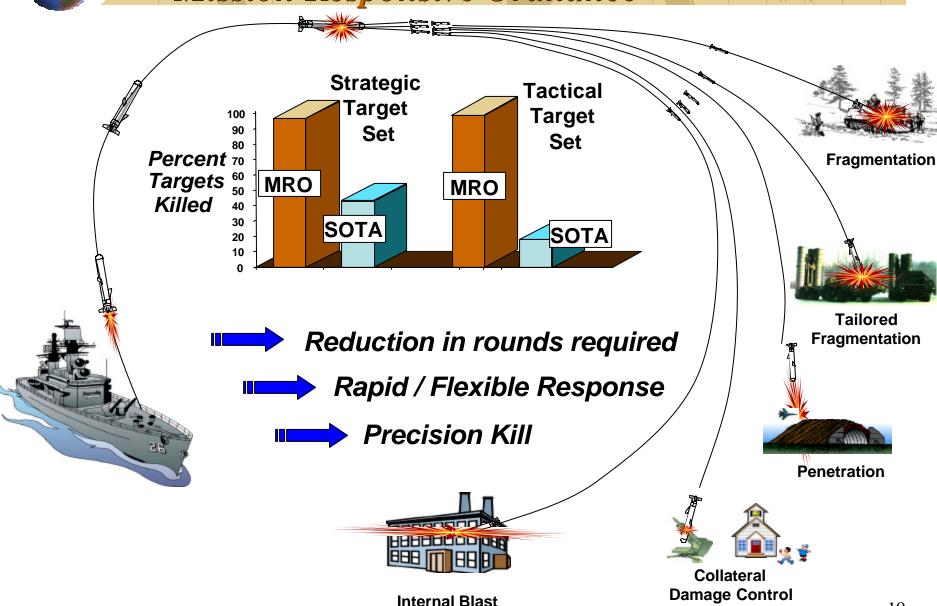


- Future low cost projectile technology for Naval Surface Fire Support and Long Range Strike
  - Leveraging current GPS/IMU guidance technology
  - Real time re-targeting
  - High lethality
  - No explosives
  - Simple...no rocket, no deployed surfaces, no glide
  - Low cost for volume fires



## Increased Lethality... Mission Responsive Ordnance







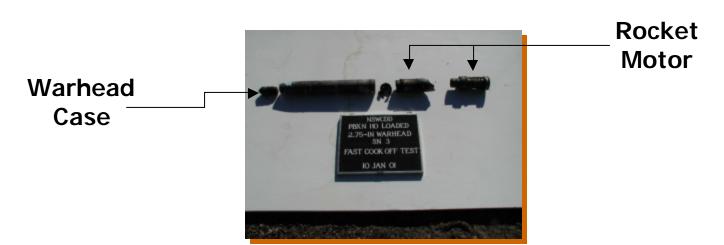
# Technical Challenge... Safe and Insensitive Munitions



- Significant advances in Insensitive Munitions including...
  - Warhead Design
  - Insensitive explosive/propellant
  - Safe and arm systems
  - Shipping containers



- Fast cook-off of 2.75" warhead
  - No warhead case damage
  - Warhead vented as designed

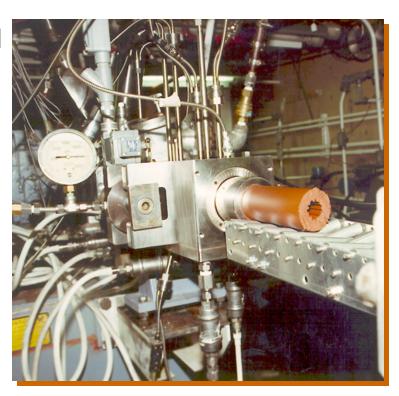




# Technology Advances... Continuous Processing



- Capability to continuously handle, mix and process energetic materials
- Cost effective operations compared to current process
- Smaller explosive quantities in process at any one time compared to batch processing
- Reconfigurable to produce variety of energetic materials
- Utilizes less solvent than batch processing
- Opens potential for new binders and formulation not appropriate for batch processing





## Considerations for New Ordnance



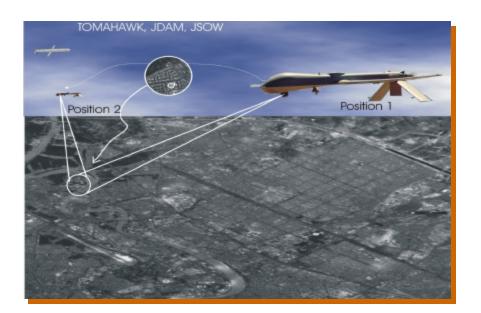
- Payloads for precision weapons
  - Smaller
  - More lethal less lethal?
- Penetrating payloads
- Mission responsive ordnance
  - Alter capability in flight
  - Adapt kill mechanism to the target
  - "Dial-a-yield"
- Low collateral damage
- Insensitive for force protection
- Multi-use capability



# Considerations for New Ordnance (Cont'd)



- Common packaging to improve logistics support
- Safe for our forces
- Cost effective in production, operation, support, and DEMIL
- Environmentally friendly
- Interoperable within weapons systems

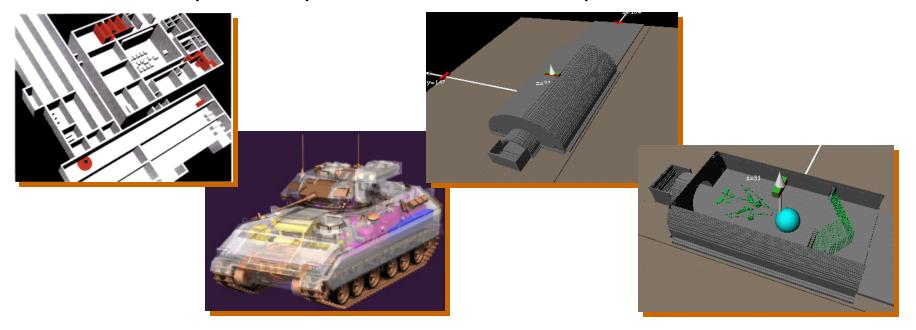




# Considerations for New Ordnance (Cont'd)



- Target vulnerability and weapons effectiveness technology must keep pace with weapons technology
- Failures to do so may result in poor decisions in development, procurement, and operational use



For Optimal Payoff: Lethality and Endgame Effectiveness

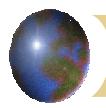
Must Be Involved in All Phases of Design Process



# Timely Transition of Ordnance Technology



- Defense budgets are going up.... HOWEVER
- Expectations and exigency are high!
- We need to:
  - Focus investments
  - Understand and accelerate the RIGHT technology
  - Develop clear transition paths
  - Provide early assessments of worth
  - Include all elements of an ordnance system
    - Warhead
    - Energetic
    - Fuzing/safe and arm
    - Effectiveness analysis
  - Utilize best ideas of government, industry, and academia



## Ordnance Stewardship



### Ordnance must include

- Mines, warheads, rockets, expeditionary munitions, & ammunition
- Explosives, energetic chemicals, pyrotechnics, CADS/PADS, advanced energetic materials, and propellants
- Explosive safety standards and ordnance environmental protection

## Stewardship

- Strategy for sustainment
- Provision for long term health in terms of
  - Skills
  - Intellectual capital
  - Facilities
  - Priorities
  - Funding



## Ordnance Stewardship (Cont'd)



- To ensure the best stewardship of our ordnance we must:
  - Adopt strategy to assure proper identification of need and requirements utilizing a time phased development of capability
  - Include all elements of the ordnance system
  - Advertise needs and requirements
  - Incorporate high degree of cooperation among government and industry capabilities
  - Utilize sources of expertise where available
  - Show off our successes!



# Challenges to the Navy's Ordnance Program



- Ensure a consistent, sustainable workload in key Core Equity and Product Areas
- Maintain critical Military facilities for unforeseen requirements
  - Preserve a workforce that maintains critical skills in Core Equities

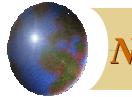


## Ordnance Stewardship



- " ... a core equity within the Navy. We must ensure that the right capabilities and corporate knowledge survive for the future."
- VADM G.P. NANOS & VADM J.A. LOCKARD COMNAVSEA





## Navy Energetics



### Need

### Organization











### **Products & Functions**

### **PROPULSION SYSTEMS**

Air Breathing Solid Propulsion

**Tactical Missile** 

Strategic Missile

Air/Ground Rockets

Ship gun projectile Mechanisms

(TVC, Divert, Attitude control)

Gas Generators
CADs/ PADs

#### **FUZING**

Missile S&A

Bomb S&A

Ship Gun s (Projectiles)

**Ordnance Items** 

(mines, c'mine, demolition, submunition,

mortar)

**Underwater ordnance (mine, c'mine)** 

#### **WARHEADS**

Missile

**Bombs** 

**Underwater (Torpedo, Mines)** 

Gun Projectile (ship launch)

**Ordnance Items** 

(mines, c'Mine, demolit'n, submunition)

**Line Charges** 

**Lethality Assessment** 

#### **GUNS**

A/C Guns & Ammo Ship Guns & Ammo

Conventional small cal. Ammo

### **PYROTECHNICS**

Flares, decoys, markers, smoke

**Torch cutters** 

### **MODELING & SIMULATION**

Detonation, combustion, ballistics, thermal, structural

### **MATERIALS**

Crystallographic Analysis
Energetic Ingredients
Detonation Mechanics
Formulations(expl. prop. fuels)
Combustion Analysis
Hazard & Safety characteristics

### **DEMILITARIZATION**

**Chemical Synthesis** 

**R&D Processes** 

Verification methods

**Chemical Production & QA** 

#### TRAINING DEVICES

Smoke Signal Launch Flash Impact

## ENVIRONMENT LIFE CYCLE TESTING

Component/System Development

Component/System Qualification Component/System Surveillance IM Hazards Qualification Signature

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**R&D** studies

**Facilities Improvements** 

### **SPECIAL ITEMS**

Magazine Qualification Testing Special Forces Applications Non-Lethal Weapons EOD Support

#### **PROGRAM SUPPORT FUNCTIONS**

Inventory repair/upgrades

**FAT/LAT** 

**Fleet Rapid Response** 

**AC/Ship Test Support** 



## Government & Contractor Roles



## **Balancing of Legitimate Interests**

### **Contractor Roles & Interests**

- Contractor is typically the primary executing agent
- Contractor has a legitimate interest in making profits
- Contractor's success is our success

### **Government Roles & Interests**

- To define its requirements
- To have continuous assurance that requirements will be met
- To receive fair value for money expended
- To invest and perform in areas where contractor under-invests
- To facilitate success

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## Special Areas of Naval Leadership



- Weapon System Explosive Safety Review Board (WSESRB)
- Physical security of conventional arms, ammunition, & explosives
- HERO (radhaz)/ordnance
- Ordnance transportation
- Executive manager for DoD EOD technology
- Ordnance logistics

